

TREE ADVISORY BOARD
VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

MEMBERS: TONY BARDES; CHARLES DAY; KORY RIESTERER; GORDON ROBERTSON; JENNIFER ZWARICH

9/28/2016

MEETING MINUTES

7:30pm Village Hall

Present: Tony Bardes, Charles Day, Kory Riesterer, Gordon Robertson, Jennifer Zwarich

Summary:

TAB convened at 7:40pm

1. Approval of 8/31/16 minutes by vote of 5-0.
2. Highland garden club visit postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Main Street sidewalk improvement zone planning
 - a) J. Zwarich will discuss phase 1 design and implementation schedule with adjacent business owner Cathryn Fadde. She noted the highway dept. agreed to work with CSTAB on install. C. Day offered following tree recommendations for phase 1 site:
 - *female Bayberry or *Myrica pennsylvanica*
 - *golden raintree or *Koelreuteria paniculata*
 - *native groundcover? Mountain mint or *Pycnanthemum muticum*
 - b) Phase 2 (73 thru 61 Main St. area) planning:
 - 1) JZ reports so far several businesses on this block are interested in supporting improvement and fundraising for implementation. JZ reiterated to all that the village does have a protected line earmarked for TAB tree-related donations in its accounts so donors don't have to worry that their donations will be drawn from for another purpose not intended by the donor. Any donations for purchase of trees or for tree-related projects will be held until needed and can carry over year to year.
 - 2) Current limitations of site were discussed. T. Bardes suggested HDRB be contacted informally to approve tree surrounds? JZ stated that the design is based on the suggestion already in the HDRB "Design Standards" book so she didn't anticipate a conflict. She'll send design to HDRB as courtesy. Goal is to get trees into ground this fall even if surrounds need to wait. G. Robertson will donate one tree pit surround for phase 1. GR also noted likely highway dept. will be able to install any pavers CSTAB eventually decides on. JZ will get a quote from local Iron fabricators for surrounds as well as circulate her research on pre-made modular units we can order that are the same as NYC donation program uses. GR also reiterated his belief that VBOT must mitigate any potential issues of tree pit liability instead of CSTAB, as CSTAB is simply an advisory board.
4. Grant applications/deadlines discussion tabled to next meeting after Chairperson meets with village officials for the go-ahead.
5. Miscellaneous updates:
 - a) Ed Trimble exit interview report: J. Zwarich reported that CSTAB has been offered a section for storage/holding of materials/trees on highway property, though will likely need VBOT permission first to use/access. T. Bardes offered to donate and deliver a load of mulch to site

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once it is ready. Discussion re: Highway Department feedback on maintenance of permeable pavers ensued.

- b) Contractor application for tree pruning now available in village office. G. Robertson mentioned also mailing it directly to contractors CSTAB has already worked with.
- c) Tree Management Plan discussion tabled to next meeting.
- d) Other items: J. Zwarich asked CSTAB members to take photos of trees this fall for website and Walking Tree Tour that C. Day has been working on. Plan is in works to launch website—needs final approval from VBOT.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6. G. Robertson reports Boat club membership are interested in taking on beautification of property in form of tree/shrub plantings for privacy and screening. Asks that CSTAB make recommendations. TAB members were delighted that a local organization was offering to improve and beautify public space and discussion ensued as to recommendations that would both meet the needs of the public/village and the club.
- 7. C. Day reported research on Zelkova damage on Main Street and believes it is a physiological issue, not sunscald or fungus. CSTAB members have received concerned reports from a resident and have noticed several other village Zelkovas exhibiting similar issues in last 5 years. JZ will reach out to DEC Forrester again to follow up on the samples he took.
- 8. Fall Planting Plan: C. Day, K. Riesterer, J. Zwarich will determine which of rescued trees at Haldane can be moved to village locations. 5-6 trees likely salvageable. Zelkovas and Syringa to village, 2 Cherries to locations on Haldane grounds.
- 9. Correspondence.
- 10. Public Comment 8:55 pm: Barney Molloy weighed in on Boat Club discussion and recommended CSTAB send a letter to club both thanking them for their interest in improving the site and providing some recommendations for tree plantings.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 9:15 pm.